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Katsuhiko HAYASHI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 5817
Application No.: 10/535,339 : Group Art Unit: 2873
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Examiner: Alicia M. Harrington
For: OPTICAL PICKUP LENS DEVICE AND INFORMATION RECORDING AND
REPRODUCING DEVICE USING THE SAME

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated December 15, 2005.

In reviewing the file, it is noted that the Form 1449 enclosed with the Notice of Allowability has not been initialed completely; the last-listed foreign reference, "JP 2004-071134" has not been initialed. Enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statement and the incompletely initialed PTO-1449.

Applicant hereby respectfully requests that:

- (1) the appropriately acknowledged PTO-1449 be furnished to Applicant; and
- (2) the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

No.: 10/535,339

Respectfully submitted,

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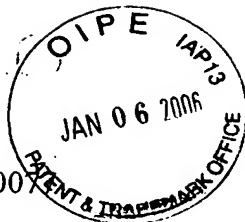
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the application and no certification or fee is required.

The relevance of the non-English language references JP 64-019316, JP 07-294707, and JP 11-337818 is discussed in the present specification.

Not yet assigned

A copy of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. Please note this is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the U.S. and copies of the references cited were transmitted by WIPO and are believed to be in the file of the above identified application and readily available to the Examiner. Therefore it is believed that Applicants have met all requirements regarding duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56. Acknowledgement and consideration of these documents are respectfully requested.

However, to ensure that these references are available to the Examiner, we are providing copies of these references herewith. Since the Search Report was from the U.S. JPO or EPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above identified application and readily available to the Examiner.

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		JP 2001-067701	03/16/2001	SONY CORP		abstract
		JP 2003-059080	02/28/2003	MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD		abstract
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